



**High 62, Low 35**  
*Partly Cloudy*  
**Daylight:**  
**17 hrs., 2 mins.**



Award from Page1

Aside from improving the flight, the Icemen assigned to the MTF also focus on self improvement.

They completed 33 masters degrees, 30 bachelors degrees and 15 associates degree credits and earned a masters in business administration, bachelors in management and a Community College of the Air Force degree in training management.

“I was very happy to hear that

we had won the award and very proud of the accomplishments that we achieved over the past year,” said Sergeant Noles. “I don’t think that any one thing made our flight stand above the rest. It was a combination of all the various things we worked on throughout the year that put us above the rest.”

Team work was an important part of getting the mission accomplished everyday.

“We helped each other get through the daily challenges,” said Sergeant Beich. “Team work came from many sources, such as Col. Ronald Crosby, 354th Maintenance Group commander, who made training a priority, and the 354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Squadron and MOS leadership who provided manpower and were directly involved in the training program.”

Motorcycles from Page1

according to Sergeant Brock. Wearing a helmet, full-fingered gloves, sturdy footwear, lime green or orange reflective gear, long-sleeved pants and shirts is mandatory for military members on and off base, as stated in Air Force Instruction 91-207. Officers must wear this gear as well, while riding motorcycles on base, he said.

Protective gear is not only mandatory, but it can lower the rider’s risk of fatal injury by 29 percent and reduce the risk of traumatic brain injury by 67 percent, according to officials.

Respect from Page1

If not in uniform, to include civilians, place your right hand over your heart.

Take your hat off if you are in civilian clothes with your right hand and put your right hand over your heart.

After the last note, continue on your way.

**TAPS** — is played alone to honor service members who paid the ultimate price.

People in uniform should SALUTE in the direction the music is coming from.

If not in uniform, to include civilians, place your right hand over your heart.

After the last note, continue on your way.

**If driving** — safely pull to the side of the road and wait quietly until the last note before proceeding.

**DO NOT** — take off on a dead sprint to a building 30 feet away when you hear the first notes of the bugle call in order to get out of showing the proper respect to our country and fellow service members.

Take pride in having the opportunity to pay respect to the flag and the freedoms it stands for, and take great pride in honoring those who have served before us.

Alcohol from Page1

realize they are at risk.

“Knowing you are at risk is important, because then you can take steps to protect yourself from developing problems with alcohol,” Capt. Matthews said. “Alcoholism can be treated. With support and treatment, many people are able to stop drinking and rebuild their lives.”

One way Icemen can help themselves is through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse and prevention program. The ADAPT program is primarily designed for active duty Airmen who have either volunteered or have been mandated to go through the program.

“If an individual has had an alcohol related incident such as underage drinking, driving while intoxicated, fighting or going to work intoxicated, the command is required to refer them to the ADAPT program,” Capt. Matthews said.

Once an individual is referred to the program they will receive an initial assessment, she said. The assessment will cover how much alcohol they use, if they had multiple incidents that interfered with their job or relationships and their personal history. If the individual meets the criteria for alcohol abuse or alcohol dependency, they would be enrolled in the program.

“Individuals enrolled in the program will then go through an 8-hour Substance Abuse Awareness Seminar, two months of outpatient classes and follow-up care as needed for several more months,”

Capt. Matthews said.

“Just remember,” she said. “If you have a drinking problem, or if you suspect you have a drinking problem, there are many others out there like you, and there is help available.”

Alcohol test

Answering the following four questions can help you find out if you or a loved one has a drinking problem:

- Have you ever felt you should cut down on your drinking?
- Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking?
- Have you ever felt bad or guilty about your drinking?
- Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or to get rid of a hangover?

One “yes” answer suggests a possible alcohol problem. More than one “yes” answer means it is highly likely that a problem exists. If you think that you or someone you know might have an alcohol problem, it is important to see a doctor or other health care provider right away. They can help you determine if a drinking problem exists and plan the best course of action.

Crud tournament winners

The following Icemen from the 18th Fighter Squadron were the winners of the Cope Thunder kick-off crud tournament, which took place April 22 at the Aurora Club:



Lt. Col. Dean Anderson  
Lt. Col. Dieter Barheis  
Maj. Sam Shaneyfelt  
Maj. Matthew Mitchell  
Capt. Mark Morrell  
Capt. Larry Sullivan

Airman sentenced for wrongful use of drugs, underage drinking

compiled from staff reports  
354th Fighter Wing Legal Office

Airman 1st Class Brian Zygmuntowicz, 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was sentenced on Feb. 24 2005 to two months confinement, hard labor without confinement for thirty days and reduced to the rank of airman basic, after pleading guilty in a special court-martial. Airman Zygmuntowicz was sentenced by military judge alone for violating Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Dereliction of Duty by consuming alcohol while under the legal age and for violating Article 112a of the UCMJ, Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance by snorting cocaine. Captains Matt Coakley and Michael Tewalt represented the government in this case. Airman Zigmontowicz was represented by Capt. A. Scott Gunn, the local area defense counsel.

Airman Zygmuntowicz attended an off-base party on the weekend of Nov. 13, 2004. It was at this party that he consumed alcohol while under the legal age of 21 and snorted two lines of cocaine before passing out. He tested positive in a random drug screening the week after the party.

Overseas quarterly assignment listing available May 3

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for the January to March 2006 cycle overseas requirements will be available May 3.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by May 20. Deployed Airmen can work with their personnel representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-June.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the assignment list.

Airmen can view the lists online at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or by calling the Military Personal Flight at 377-2276.(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Deadline set, apply for developmental education

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPN) — Mission-support and certain non-rated operations officers considering basic developmental education programs in 2006 have until June 15 to apply.

Officers in logistics, civil engineering, program management, developmental engineering, communications and information, services, public affairs, manpower and other mission-support career fields may apply for one or more developmental programs. Also, officers in intelligence, and space and missiles career fields can apply for exchange programs with the acquisition career field.

Available programs include:

- Air Force Institute of Technology or Naval postgraduate school.
- Education with industry.
- Space-lift education and crossover program.
- Space and missile acquisition exchange program.
- Acquisition and intelligence experience exchange tour.
- Acquisition and logistics experience exchange tour.
- Comptroller operation logistics tour.
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School.
- Information officer engineering exchange.

Officers must be released by their core assignment team before applying and submit a completed Air Force Information Management Tool 3849, PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet, to the Air Force Personnel Center.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and complete details about each program are available at local military personnel flights or online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/). (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

NAMES TO NOTE

Outstanding CDC scores

**Airman 1st Class John Kimble**  
354th CES  
3E451, 92 percent

**Airman 1st Class Deann Lenard**  
354th MXS  
2W151A, 90 percent

**Airman 1st Class Andrew Evraets**  
354th CS  
3C051, 90 percent

Baby Icemen Peter Thomas Malenic

7 lbs 3 oz  
April 19, 2005  
Christina and Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Malenic, 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron

CCAF Graduates

The following Icemen are the graduates for the 2004-2005 academic year. The graduation ceremony will take place 3 p.m. May 13 at the Aurora Club.

SSgt Joshua Allen  
SSgt James Anderson  
SSgt Jordan Applegate  
SSgt Talisa Arnold  
SSgt Jacquilynn Astorga  
SSgt Alberto Avalos  
TSgt Cynthia Barrowman  
TSgt Christopher Bilbrey  
TSgt Robert Blanchard  
SSgt Paul Booth  
MSgt Bradley Branfield  
SrA Tasha Broyles  
TSgt Robert Cahill  
SrA Jeremy Chea  
SSgt Kevin Clark  
SSgt Carla Coen  
SSgt Jeramey Conley  
TSgt Sean Connolly  
TSgt Tammie Davis  
SSgt Erin Debold  
TSgt Temeca Espadron  
MSgt Mark Eyman  
SSgt Daniel Fairbairn  
TSgt Donald Fenton  
TSgt Larry Fitschen  
MSgt Eric Gadow  
SSgt Rebecca Gardner  
SSgt Jeremy Garrett  
SrA Matthew Geatches  
SrA Carmencita Geyer  
SSgt Roberto Gonzalez  
SSgt Doris Grant  
SMSgt Bernard Grotegeer  
TSgt Lisa Gunning  
MSgt Robert Gunning  
SrA Anthony Harper  
SSgt Jack Hartman  
SSgt Landon Hawk  
MSgt Darrin Jenkins  
SrA John Johnson  
TSgt Neal Johnson  
TSgt Sara Jones  
MSgt Janunetta Kelly  
SSgt Kenneth Lagerquist  
MSgt Angelito Lapid  
MSgt Grantland Luke  
SSgt Tristan Magdich  
SSgt Marc Majewski  
MSgt Kevin Marshall  
MSgt Kevin McGill  
SSgt Matthew McLain  
TSgt Robert Mikulski  
SSgt Taneea Mitchell  
MSgt Robert Neuffer  
SrA Michael Nixon  
MSgt John Norgren  
SSgt Rafeeqah Ogden  
MSgt Edison Platt  
SSgt Kyle Raihala  
TSgt Keith Ruskowski  
MSgt Steven Ryan  
SSgt Courtney Sacket  
TSgt Kevin Schildhauer  
SrA Anthony Seckel  
TSgt Scott Shaver  
SrA Lucas Shearer  
MSgt Howard Smith  
SrA Joshua Strang  
SSgt Matthew Sutton  
TSgt Coulette Swiggett  
TSgt Muzzy Sztajer  
MSgt Mark Thomas  
SSgt Robert Tidwell  
TSgt Brian Vanderbunt  
SSgt Louisa Vanourney  
SrA Terry Vickery  
SrA Monica Wallace  
A1C Kristopher Weaver  
TSgt Jeffrey Wheeler  
MSgt Angela Wills  
SSgt James Yates



Airman Justin Weaver

Trained as a soldier

Master Sgt. Robert Neuffer, 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron first sergeant, aims an M-4 during joint convoy operation training at Fort Wainwright. The 3rd ASOS is the first Air Force unit to own Stryker armored vehicles. They are a tenant unit at Fort Wainwright and will deploy with the Army in the fall.

DWI CLOCK

MAINTAINED BY THE 354TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI:  
40

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 51 rides last weekend and have ‘saved’ 4,004 lives.

Need a free ride home?  
377-RIDE

Days until goal:  
20



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HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame is a program for group commanders to recognize Airmen for excellent job performance.



Staff Sgt.  
Michael Mashburn  
Receiving Craftsman  
354th LRS  
Crystal River, Fla.

“He is a superb NCO who directs vital receipt and inspection processes. He is responsible for helping our Airmen understand and appreciate the role logistics plays in the wing’s mission. He brings to his job a wide variety of skills to help meet our organizational goals and ensures all members of the unit are equipped with the tools to become good Airmen.”



Airman 1st Class  
Ian Coching  
COSO Section Member  
355th AMU  
Long Beach, Calif.

“He manages a 774 line item bench stock valued at \$200,000. He is continuously working to improve support for flightline maintenance, while maintaining a 99 percent fill rate. All of his programs received zero discrepancies during the February Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Team Inspection and he was selected as a superior performer by the team.”



Tech. Sgt.  
Craig Robinson  
Special Security  
Representative  
354th OSS  
Montgomery, Ala.

“He has done an outstanding job managing the physical security of three classified work areas while coordinating security actions on 180 354th Fighter Wing personnel. He is the model security manager. Additionally, he is the work group manager for 30 computer work stations and keeps those stations running at peak performance Finally, he is the squadron booster club co-president. ”



Staff Sgt.  
Daniel Weathers  
Aircraft Parts Store  
Supervisor  
354th LRS  
Charleston, S.C.

“He is a hard charger. He orchestrated total overhaul of both our 66 line item funtional check and 1,200 shelf life asset programs by tightening control and identification practices. He then implemented new guidelines and flawlessly trained seven personnel, earning kudos for an error-free internal surveillance.”



Airman 1st Class  
Kelli Moore  
Aerospace Ground Equipment  
Apprentice  
354th MXS  
Bakersfield, Calif.

“She volunteered to rewrite time compliance technical orders for the B-1 maintenance stand and submitted corrections that better explain the system of repair. She has only been at Eielson for a short time and has already mastered technical order usage and has proven to be a great asset to the flight.”

AIR FORCE AIM POINTS DAILY MESSAGES

Servicemembers and federal civilian employees are required by executive order to “blow the whistle,” on waste, fraud and abuse at work, and officials at the Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General have bolstered protections offered to ensure they do not suffer reprisals on the job as a result.

Federal laws protect so-called “whistleblowers” from adverse personnel actions they could feasibly suffer when reporting abuses within their organizations: getting fired, losing out on promotions or getting

shuffled to lesser jobs.

These laws also protect against less dramatic but equally career-damaging actions, from receiving bad evaluation reports or letters of counseling to getting temporarily suspended without pay.

While servicemembers, civilian employees and DOD contractors all receive whistleblower protections under the law, the guidelines for what constitutes a whistleblower differ, said Mr. Dan Meyer, DOD Inspector General’s civilian reprisal investigations office director.

For example, servicemembers who report waste, fraud or abuse through their chains of command qualify as whistleblowers. However, civilians who report these occurrences to their immediate supervisors do not.

DoD IG recommends that would-be whistleblowers consult with their inspectors general to learn about their rights and protections before taking action.

Call the Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline at 377-2109 to make a report.

# Services Summer Expo 2005

## Free Seminars, “Successful Alaska Fishing and Hunting,” held by Chris Batin

Chris Batin is a best-selling author and outdoor guide with 30 years experience. Batin has taught thousands of people how to catch fish – salmon, halibut and more. The seminars will be tailored to local area sports fishing and other fishing techniques for Valdez and around the state. The afternoon seminars will cover moose, caribou and bear hunting techniques.

These seminars can help beginner and experienced anglers and hunters to be more effective and “bag” more in the field. There’s very real money-saving potential for those who complete Batin’s seminars. With his tips they can avoid purchases of unnecessary and possibly ineffective or inappropriate equipment, bait gear. Most hunters and fishermen are reluctant to share their favorite spots, Batin will “tell you where to go,” saving people time and the frustration of going home with little more than mosquito bites.

The Services Expo takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 14 at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-3268.

### RV storage removal

Icemen with items stored in the RV storage lot who have not paid storage fees have a 30-day window to remove items. Only approved RVs, boats, trailers, and recreational items are authorized in the lot. All non-approved items will be removed from the lot beginning June 1. For more information, call 377-1328.

### Lint removal

The Eielson Fire Department recently responded to a small housing fire involving a clothes dryer. Dryer hoses must be disconnected and cleaned as needed to help prevent overheating the dryer. This fire could have easily developed into a larger one and was easily preventable. A few tips to prevent this from happening are:

- Periodically check around the washer and dryer for lint accumulation, pull the dryer away

from the wall and sweep the area. Disconnect the vent hose and clean it out.

- Empty the lint trap after each use.
  - Don’t let lint pile up in a trashcan next to the dryer.
  - Ensure vent hose is properly installed, secured and doesn’t have any holes in it.
  - Make sure the vent hose isn’t kinked.
- For more information, call 377-1293.

### EESC “Meet and Greet”

The Eielson Enlisted Spouse’s Club “Meet and Greet” dessert social takes place 7-9 p.m. May 9th at the Break. For more information, call 372-3918.

### Tuition Assistance Program

The spouses tuition assistance program provides partial tuition assistance for spouses of active duty Airmen, who accompany members to overseas locations and will be taking courses



**29**  
**FRI**

Family Bunco takes place 5:30 p.m. at the community center. There will be prizes and snacks. Cost is \$3 per person. Call 377-2642.

**30**  
**SAT**

Free Monte Carlo Night begins at 8 p.m. at the Yukon Club. There will be roulette, blackjack, the money wheel, Texas Hold ‘em and big glove boxing.

**30**  
**SAT**

ATV tour takes place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at outdoor recreation. Cost is \$35 for four hours. For more information, call 377-1328.

**3**  
**TUE**

Hiking takes place 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Angel Rock. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation to Angel Rock, near Chena Hot Springs. Call outdoor recreation at 377-1328.

**7**  
**SAT**

Youth Disney scrapbooking takes place 10 a.m. to noon at the arts and crafts center. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 377-4880.

Club Member’s Bingo takes place 7 p.m. at the Yukon Club. Card sales begin at 6:15 p.m. Adults only.

**1**  
**SUN**

A pool tournament takes place 1 p.m. at the Yukon Club. Registration begins at noon. The tournament is open to community members of all ranks including temporary duty personnel.

**3**  
**TUE**

An ATV Tour begins 9 a.m. at the Goldrush Inn. Cost is \$35 for a four-hour tour conducted by the outdoor recreation staff. Call 377-1232 or 1328.

**3**  
**TUE**

Youth Employment Service Volunteer Orientation takes place 3 p.m. at the youth center. Students grades 9-12 learn valuable skills by volunteering in the community. Qualifying participants earn funds for college by volunteering in the YES program. Call 377-3194.

**7**  
**SAT**

Prime Rib night takes place 5-8 p.m. at the Yukon Club. Call 377-2228.

**4**  
**WED**

Community Fun Night’s, “Spring into Action,” takes place 5 p.m. at the Yukon Club. There will be games for all ages. Give-aways will include miniature golf and books from noted outdoorsman, Chris Batin.

**6**  
**FRI**

Learn skeet shooting fundamentals in this introductory session 5-8 p.m. at the shooting range. Cost is \$15 and covers supplies and gun use. Call 377-1232 or 1328.

**6**  
**FRI**

The “Cinco de Mayo,” kids night out takes place 6:30-11 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$5. Call 377-3194.

**7**  
**SAT**

Teens’ Open Mic Night takes place 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Teen Break, located behind Arctic Nite Lanes.

**7**  
**SAT**

A Mom & Me Scrap Camp takes place noon-4 p.m. at the community center. Cost is \$20. Projects are geared towards Mother’s Day. Call 377-2642.

Scholarship Awards Ice Cream Social takes place 2 p.m. Saturday at the Aurora Club. For more information call Shay Pittman at 372-1339.

### Little league season begins, volunteers needed

Little league registration takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday outside the base exchange. Volunteers are needed for the following: umpires, coaches, assistant coaches and board members. For more information, email Terry Burke at [terry.burke@ielson.af.mil](mailto:terry.burke@ielson.af.mil), or email Kyle Way at [kyle.way@ielson.af.mil](mailto:kyle.way@ielson.af.mil).

### Spring carnival fundraiser

Anderson Elementary’s annual Spring Carnival Fundraiser takes place 5-7 p.m. May 6 at Anderson Elementary School. There will be games, balloons, prizes and food. For more information, call 372-4144.

through accredited schools in the local area. Individuals who wish to participate must submit a completed application for TA each term to the base education and training office, 2623 Wabash Ave, Room 103. The application deadline for the summer 2005 term is May 20. For more information, call 377-5106.

### BEHS Event Assistance

The Ben Eielson High School senior class “Grad Bash 2005” takes place May 23-24. To help with set-up and take-down, call Brad and Linda Quarnberg at 372-3053 or email [qbart@gci.net](mailto:qbart@gci.net). To help with decorations, email Michelle Fieschel at [fieschel@gci.net](mailto:fieschel@gci.net). To chaperone or to help with activities overnight, email Rich and Brenda Catahay at [bcatahay@hotmail.com](mailto:bcatahay@hotmail.com).

### Spouses Ice Cream Social

The annual Officer and Enlisted Spouses Clubs



COMMANDER’S CORNER

Commander’s Hotline — 377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you’ve contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson  
354th Fighter Wing commander

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Dining facility	377-2536	Legal	377-4114
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WHAT OUR LEADERS  
ARE SAYING



“In forming their new government, the Iraqis have shown that the spirit of compromise has survived more than three decades of dictatorship. They will need that spirit in the weeks and months ahead, as they continue the hard work of building their democracy.”

President George W. Bush  
Commander-in-Chief

PACAF Command Chief shares views

by Capt. David Faggard  
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii - Dedication, hard work, rolling up his sleeves helping and working with Airmen represents the character of the new Pacific Air Forces Command Chief Master Sergeant.

Chief Master Sergeant Rodney J. McKinley, a native of Ohio who grew up in a farming community, said he’ll spend some time getting to know the command and the mission, but plans to start visiting with the 55,000 men and women across PACAF.

“I sincerely care about the lives and well-being of the Airmen in the command,” the Chief said as he was reflecting on the Airmen spread across PACAF’s 16 time zones.

As the Chief explained in a calm demeanor, he’s “humbled” to be able to represent the Airmen; and past experiences in the Air Force and PACAF, like being a First Sergeant, prepared him well for this key leadership and advisory role.

“Being a First Shirt was one of the most rewarding experi-

ences of my life,” the Chief said. “You could take someone, headed down the wrong path, and lead them to success; benefiting the Air Force and society—turning lives around.”

The Chief said the operations tempo is busy now, but remembers that it’s always been busy. However, Airmen need to stay focused because the Air Force isn’t just a job; it’s about fighting and winning our nation’s wars.

“We need our Airmen to slow down, be safe and do things right,” the Chief while also saying we need to focus on following the technical orders properly and precisely while remembering to stay safe.

The Chief also took some time to mentor, saying that supervisors should be the front line of defense on a range of issues concerning all Airmen. They should get involved and stay involved with their people.

“Supervisors need to get out there and meet their Airmen face-to-face. Supervisors need to meet them at the airport when they first get in, establish a professional relationship with that person and let them know

“First, whatever job you have, do the best job you can ... Second, treat people with kindness, (and lastly) trust leadership, respect peers and mentor subordinates.”

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley  
Pacific Air Forces command chief

you’re there for them,” he said. “It’s not about just performing the job we’re trained to do, it’s also about mentoring and supervising.”

The Chief explained three leadership philosophies to live by in the Air Force.

“First, whatever job you have, do the best job you can,” the Chief explained. “Second, treat people with kindness,” and lastly, “trust leadership, respect peers and mentor subordinates.”

Chief McKinley serves as the principal consultant to Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF commander, on all enlisted issues including keeping the commander appraised of all matters concerning the health, morale and welfare of

all assigned enlisted people; and, coordinating with headquarters staff agencies, commanders and senior enlisted personnel on matters of administration and implementation of command policy.

“Our Airmen are fantastic,” the chief said. “They’re concerned about the mission, not themselves and are concerned with doing what’s right for the Air Force.”

“We’re seeing history in the making—democracy in the Middle East—and when history looks back, you’ll see that the young men an women in uniform very possibly will be considered the next ‘Greatest Generation,’” Chief McKinley said.

Traffic deaths take emotional toll on Airman

by Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer  
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AFB, Texas (AFPN) — I tell myself I won’t cry this time.

It’s been almost six years since my brother was locked up for vehicular manslaughter. As I sit and wait for him to be released into the visiting area, I remind myself, I will be strong, I will not cry this time.

I’m thankful that he somehow survived the wreck he caused. I deal with the guilt that comes when I think of the mother and daughter in the other car who didn’t.

For my mother and stepfather the emotional and financial tolls have been devastating. Although he is one of six children, he is my mother’s only son.

For my sisters and me, it has been an emotional roller coaster. Some of us have forgiven him and support him to the best of our ability. Others choose to pretend he no longer exists. I try to visit him at least once a month. The 12-hour drive gives me time to think.

I think about how this event has devastated so many lives; how that split-second decision, to get behind the wheel, has turned into a

lifetime of pain.

In his intoxicated state, my brother never realized he had forgotten to put his lights on as he pulled out into the path of a car holding a family of five. They didn’t see him until it was too late. T.C. finally arrives and checks in with the guards. This is when I feel the happiest, finally getting to see my baby brother again. I hug him briefly as a meaty-looking guard frowns.

We sit across the table from one another and chat. We’ve learned to keep it light, talking about something interesting he has read, or how work is going for me. I try to update him on family events without dwelling on the things he is missing too much.

Before I know it, the guard is giving us the five-minute warning. This is where it gets tough for me. I hug him hard, holding on despite another frown from the meaty guard. Inevitably, he pulls away and heads for the door back to his cell. As he turns to look at me one last time, and I see the sadness in his eyes, I feel the tears melting my resolve.

Slowly I make my way back to the outside, through the stale air, past the clanking metal doors running on molasses.

As I exit the last door, I give up and let the tears fall.

Next time I will be strong, I tell myself. I won’t cry — next time.

I’ve got 54 years to see if I can do it.



# Cope Thunder participants balance work, play



Photos by Senior Airman Joshua Strang

Left, Senior Airman Stanley Wilson, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, cleans panels of an F-16 during pre-flight operations in support of Exercise Cope Thunder April 21. The Cope Thunder joint training exercise provides 8-10 sorties per pilot, that are as real as combat within the constraints of the training environment. Above, Senior Airman Ben Gregory (Shooting), and Staff Sgt. Edward Triplett, 35th AMXS take turns shooting at clay pigeons at the Skeet and Trap Range.



Above, Airman Jeremy Devos, 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., inflates the tire of an F-16 during pre-flight operations. Right, Cope Thunder Airmen take advantage of a four-hour ATV guided tour offered by outdoor recreation. Anyone interested in a guided ATV tour, skeet shooting or other trips or activities can call outdoor recreation at 377-1328.



Senior Airman Christine O'Donnell, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, cleans the canopy of an F-16 during Cope Thunder.